

## **INFLUENZA REPORT**

2022-2023 Influenza Season

MMWR Week 41 (10/9-10/15)

Weekly Report of Influenza and Influenza-like Illness (ILI) Activity

## Overview (MMWR Week 41)



#### Influenza and Influenza-like Illness Activity

## **Spread**

# **Sporadic**Geographic Spread

## Co-circulating

Other Viruses SARS-CoV-2 RSV

#### **Outbreaks**

No reported outbreaks

## **Syndromic**

1
Syndromic anomaly
was reported in
Campbell County

## Flu Activity

Low
Activity is low
across the state

#### **Seasonal Data**

Types of Flu
Influenza A and B
viruses are
circulating

## Severity

Inpatients
One report of a child hospitalized out of state

## **EMS**

Suspected ILI
15 reports this
week

## **ILI** Activity

# Minimal Some outpatient respiratory illness activity

#### Subtypes

Primary: A/H3
Predominately
H3N2 viruses
reported across the country

#### **Deaths**

No reported pediatric deaths

## **Hot Spots**

Tracking Trends
No hot spots

## Geographic Spread



#### **Geographic Activity by Regions**

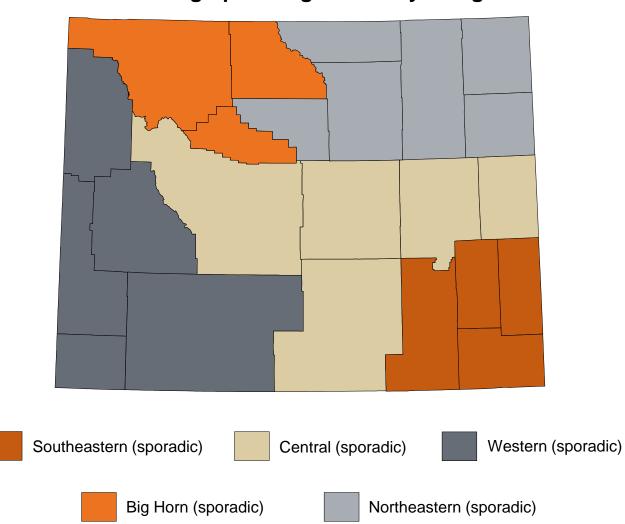
Wyoming observed sporadic activity this week (MMWR Week 41).

Healthcare providers in a few counties reported ILI activity.

The electronic reported influenza cases represent **three** Infectious Disease Epidemiology (IDE) Geographic Regions.

All five IDE Geographic Regions across the state had low levels of **sporadic activity** this week.

#### **IDE Geographic Regions of Wyoming**



## Influenza-like Illness Surveillance



#### **ILINet Providers**

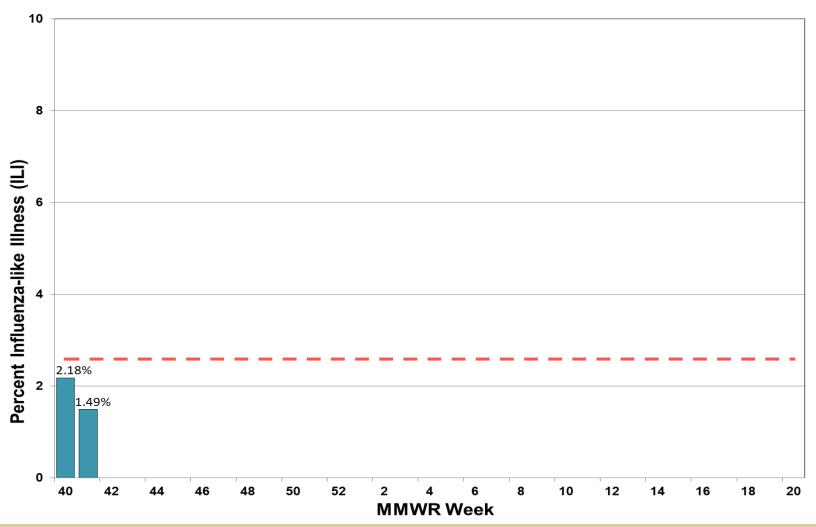
The percent of patient visits to ILINet Sentinel Providers for influenza-like illness was 1.49%, which is below Wyoming's baseline (2.59%), and a decrease from week 40.

The Wyoming Department of Health received reports from more than 50% of the ILINet providers across the state.

This season, healthcare providers in a **few** counties have reported influenza or influenza-like illness activity.

**Key Updates:** Early increases in seasonal influenza activity have been reported in most of the United States, with the southeast and south-central areas of the country reporting the highest levels of activity.

#### **Weekly Percent of ILI Visits**



## Virologic Surveillance



#### **Public Health Laboratory**

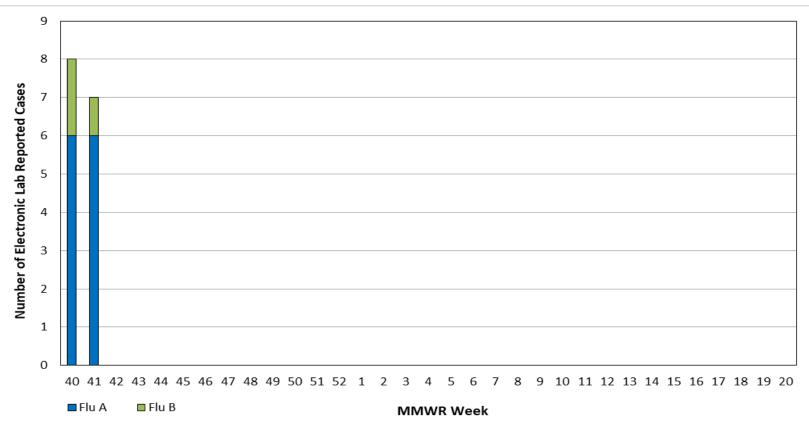
The overall volume of samples tested for influenza at the Wyoming Public Health Laboratory has increased since the introduction of the CDC Influenza SARS-CoV-2 Multiplex Assay. However, there have only been a few positive influenza specimens since the start of the 2022-2023 influenza season.

#### **Healthcare and Clinical Laboratories**

Clinical laboratories most frequently reported Influenza A/H3N2 viruses during MMWR Week 41.

Nationally, the percentage of specimens testing positive for influenza in clinical laboratories is increasing; however, activity varies by region. Percent positivity increased ≥ 0.5% this week in regions 3, 4, 6, and 9, and was similar to or lower than the previous week in all other regions. Wyoming falls in region 8 along with Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota and Utah.

#### **Electronic Reports of Influenza Cases**



## Pneumonia and Influenza Mortality



#### **Mortality Data**

Tracking death certificates is the best surveillance system to capture and identify pneumonia and influenza-associated deaths in Wyoming. According to the CDC, influenza is infrequently listed on death certificates. Also, testing for seasonal influenza infections is not frequently performed, particularly among the elderly, who are at greatest risk for seasonal influenza complications and death. Therefore, public health officials may not identify influenza-associated deaths in many instances; consequently, this surveillance system may underestimate the true impact of influenza-associated deaths in the state.

There have been three pneumonia and influenza (P&I) mortality reports certified since the beginning of the 2022-2023 Influenza Season.

#### Monthly P&I Mortality Reports (2017-2023)

